



THE SCOUNDREL

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Two nations were growing inside
Rebekah.

Isaac, the pain is
killing me!

Pray about it.

The Lord explained that she was
carrying twins who would change
the course of history.

When Rebekah gave birth, the firstborn, Esau, was red and hairy...



but Jacob, the second, was smooth-skinned.

Esau

Jacob



*See Ezek. 38

How could these little cuties be responsible for World War III?*

Esau became a cunning hunter....



He was Isaac's favorite.

But Rebekah loved Jacob...



who had his own special skills.
He was sneaky... like his mama.



My son, some day
all this will be yours.

Big deal!

Because Esau was the firstborn,
the birthright was legally his.

But greedy Jacob had other ideas.



If the
birthright
was *mine*,
I would
have
power,
property
and
respect.

Ahhh, I've got an idea.

One day Esau staggered into Jacob's tent, faint with hunger.

Feed me, Jacob! I'm starving.

Here's my chance.

My stew for your birthright.

Is it a deal?

It's a deal. *I swear!*

It's no good to me if I die.

The fool! Now the birthright is mine... *at last!*

Esau despised his birthright.
That's why God hated him.

Ummm, good.

Slurp
Slurp




But tricky Jacob still needed his
daddy's blessing to make it official.

Old Isaac was blind and near death.

Esau?

Yes,
Father?



Go kill a deer and make
me my favorite dish that
my soul may bless you.

Jacob's evil plot was now in danger.

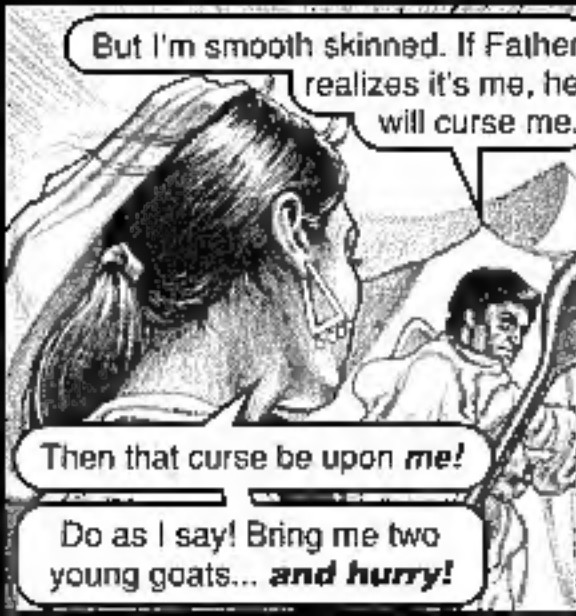
Rebekah overheard them. She knew how important this blessing was. God first gave it to Isaac's father, Abraham: "I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee." (Genesis 12:3)



She devised a plan to get Jacob the blessing.




She decided to cook a stew... and disguise Jacob as Esau.

A black and white illustration showing a woman in profile on the left, wearing a headscarf. In the background, a man is visible, looking towards the woman. The scene is set outdoors with some architectural elements.

But I'm smooth skinned. If Father realizes it's me, he will curse me.

Then that curse be upon *me!*

Do as I say! Bring me two young goats... **and hurry!**

A black and white illustration of a muscular man with a beard, wearing a loincloth. He is holding a bow and arrow, standing in a rugged, outdoor setting.

Esau also knew how important this blessing was, so he made a quick kill and headed home.

A small icon of an hourglass, indicating a time limit or a race.

Who would get to Isaac first?

Jacob entered Isaac's tent and lied through his teeth.



Who are you, my son?

I'm Esau.

Come close, so I can feel you.

Rebekah had put a goat skin on Jacob's neck and hands so he'd feel like Esau.

You have the voice of Jacob... but the hands of Esau.

How could you kill the deer so quickly?



Because the Lord thy God brought it to me.

Isaac bought it, and gave the blessing to the scoundrel, Jacob.



See Job 41 for a record of the creature.



There are to be the signs of the day.

Father!! How **COULD** you?

Leah
But he
said he
was **you!**

I'll kill him!

Esau decided to slay Jacob as soon as his father was dead and buried

Rebekah heard of Esau's plans.

Jacob, you must go to my
brother Laban,
in Haran
NOW!

And stay
there until
Esau gets
over what
you did
to him



In Haran Jacob fell head over heels in love with a beautiful girl



He was amazed to learn that her father was Laban

Uncle Laban welcomed Jacob with hugs and kisses. 



Though Jacob was a scoundrel, he was ~~no~~ a match for Laban

Jack wanted to marry her for her wife, so he made a huge bet with the ...

... will work for you several years
to ... an merry Rime

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Jack loved to ... on ... the
7 years of ...

Finally the wedding day came
The bride was his only choice

You're now
husband and wife

Jacob was thrilled At last he was
about to have the girl of his dreams

Next morning he discovered that
had given her the wrong day

WHAT? Last night can't be
You're supposed to be married

Later had outwitted the fiancée



Now Jacob had a new problem. He was afraid his brother Esau, would still be mad.



Lord please don't let Esau kill me and my family

The dreaded meeting turned out to be a time of **great rejoicing**.

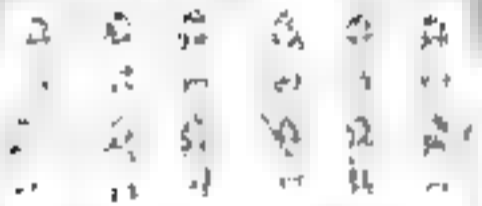


But their offspring became deadly enemies. Esau's line became the Arabs of today.

God changed Jacob's name to Israel

His sons became the twelve tribes of Israel.

Only one son Joseph, was kind and Christ-like. He was Israel's favorite.



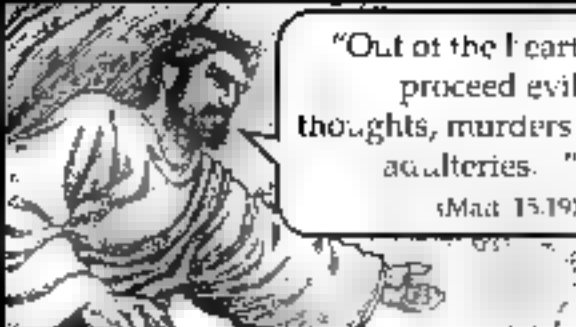
I hate Joseph!



The rest were scoundrels like papa. But God loved and blessed them in spite of themselves.

Jesus Christ came through the line of one of these sons, Judah.

Though we're all scoundrels,
God loves us, too! Jesus said:



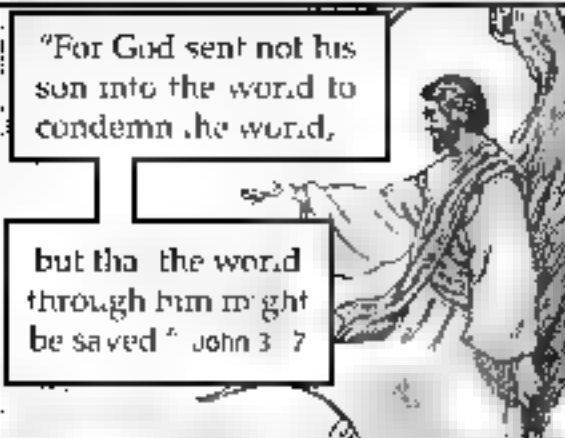
"Out of the heart
proceed evil
thoughts, murders
adulteries."

(Mat 15:19)

"For all have sinned
and come short of
the glory of God."

Romans 3:23

Here's why Christ came to earth.

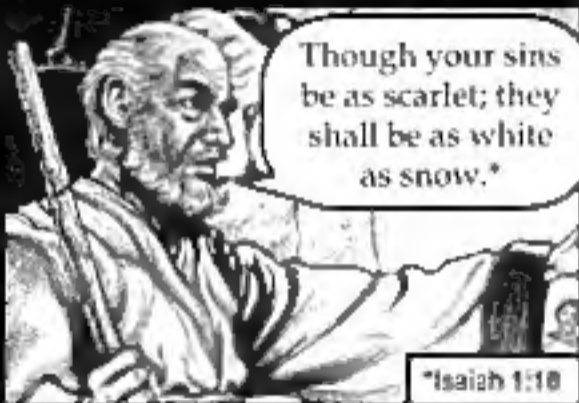


"For God sent not his
son into the world to
condemn the world,

but that the world
through him might
be saved." John 3:17

Christ is in the
scoundrel-changing business.

Because of sin, we are lost and heading for hell. But Isaiah said:



Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin. (Heb. 9:22)

Jesus Christ is God Almighty, the Creator of the universe. (Rev. 1:5.)



All things were made by him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. (See John. 1:3.)

Look what God did **FOR YOU** so you could go to heaven.

For God so loved the world (that's you), that He gave His only begotten Son (Jesus), that whosoever believeth in him should not perish (in hell), but have everlasting life (in heaven). John 3:16

Jesus shed His precious blood (God's blood) to wash away our sins.* He died, was buried and rose from the dead 3 days later.



Now He is up in heaven.

*See Acts 20:28

God is offering **YOU**
a very special gift.



The gift
of God is
eternal life
through
Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Romans 6:23

Only a **scoundrel**
would turn down God's love gift...
and spend eternity in the lake of fire.

Jesus made this promise to
those who love him:

"In my Father's house (in heaven)
are many mansions: if it were not
so, I would have told you. I go to
prepare a place for you. And if I
go and prepare a place for you, I
will come again, and receive you
unto myself; that where I am,
there ye may be also." John 14:2-3

THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

Here's help to grow as a new Christian! Read *The Next Step*, available at www.chick.com.

